

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A system for providing specific information to a user includes a subscription server. The subscription server collects metric information from a plurality of metric publication providers. A user may log into the subscription server and subscribe to receive a specific set of metric data from a variety of the metric publication providers. The user may define a user's view that presents only the metric data selected. A publication provider wishing to provide metric data via the subscription service send a message to the subscription server indicating which metric information it publishes. The publication provider provides the metric information in a standardized form to the subscription server. The publication provider may include an adapter that puts the metric information into standardized form.

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